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on Public Morals, Romish Church,
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Officers of the Committee on Public Morals,

Chairmen.

1832-33. Mack.
1833-4. Croft.
1834-5. Lloyd.
1835-6. Miller.
1836-7. Walker and Morris.
1837-8. Wells.
1838-9. J. Twichell & Wilson.
1839-40. Allen.
1840-1. Dickson.
1841-2. Stratton.
1842-3. Wittinger.
1843-4. Dodge.
1844-5. J. M. French.
1845-6. J. Farquhar.
1846-7. A. D. Mitchell.
1847-8. Geo. C. Heckman
1848-9 Alexander Reid
1849-50 Wm Bishop
1850-51 E. Wall

Romish Church and Infidelity.

Secretaries.

1832-3. H. Curtis, & D. X. Junkin.
1833-4. D. J. Stuart.
1834-5. A. Porter.
1835-6. S. G. Speer.
1836-7. J. Monel, & W. W. Hill.
1837-8. Jer. Twichell.
1838-9. F. C. Lord, & David Teese.
1839-40. James D. Scott.
1840-41. Ed. Bittinger.
1841-2. Jam. Greer.
1842-3. J. W. Sterling & J. G. Monel.
1843-4. W. H. Green, & J. G. Monel.
1844-5. Jam. F. Kennedy, A. B. Bullions, & Ebe. R. Craven.
1845-6. A. D. Mitchell.
1846-7. Geo. C. Heckman.
1847-8 Henry Reeves and Geo. Stewart
1848-9 James H. Orbison
1849-50 Jos. Baker
1850-51 W. C. Cattell

Names of the Members of the Committee on Public Morals, Romish Church and Infidelity.

1832.

Adger, J. B.
Billings.
Boardman, H. A.
Chipman.
Clark.
Crofs.
Curtis, A.
Ely, E. P.
Ely, J. T.
Floyd.
Frary.
Grundy.
Hopkins, E.
Lovejoy.
Mack.
McEwin.
Miles.
Schuyler.
Woodward.

Edwards, T.

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1833.

Boyd.
Bradford.
Corfe.
Findley.
Gunn.
Henderson.
Junkin, D. X.
Porter.
Preston.
McCullough.
Sheddan.
Stuart, D. T.
Wilson.

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1834

Cole.
Ernst.
Ford.
Helms.
McKee.
McMullin.
Miller.
Morris.
Paine.
Scott.
Quillin.
Waller.
Wylie.

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1835.

Berry,
Curran,
Hill,
Kennedy,
Moule,
Nevin,
Stuart, A. S.
Weeks.

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1836.

Bell,
Bullock,
Chamberlain,
Crawford,
Fisher,
Hunter,
Reynolds,
Stonestreet,
Stuart, D.
Talbot,
Tavitchill, Jerome.
Wells, G.
Woodruff.
Wright.

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1837-8.

Carter,
Colt,
Damon,
Davidson,
Dickson,
Ewing,
Forman,
Halsey,
Lord,
Riddle,
Scott,
Snyder,
Teese,
Whetham,
Wilson.

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1839-40.

Allen, A.
Bean,
Bittinger, Ed. C.
Carpe, Robt.
Greer, Jas.
Hunt, Horace B.
Lyon, John,
Nevin,
Parshall
Stratton, Jos. B.
Van Zandt, A. B.
Walsh, J. Johnston
Willet,
Williams, T. J.

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1841–42.

Atkinson, Jos. M.
Brown, H. A.
Carpenter, Hugh S.
Chamberlin, N. P.
Christian, L. H.
Clelland, Thos. H.
Craig, Adam,
Dodge, Richd. D.
French, John B.
Giger, Geo. Musgrave,
Green, W. Henry,
Grier, M. B.
Hepburn, J. C.
McCauley, C. F.
McMartin, P. A.
Mercer,
Moore, Jam. C.
Pierson, Sam. H.
Thatcher, Geo. H.
Sterling, J. W.
Thompson, Alex. R.
Trimble, Wm W.

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1843.

Dorland, Tunis.
Farquhar, John.
Kennedy, Jas. J.
Stark, Oliver P.
Stewart, Ed. J.

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1844–45.

Andrews.
Bailey, Wm.
Baldwin, Caleb C.
Bullions, Alex. B.
Craven, Ed. R.
David, H. J.
Davis, J. K.
Edes, Edward
Harrison, Geo. J.
Lane, C. R.
Mitchell, A. D.
Reily, John A.
Richardson, R. H.
Schenck, Add. V. C.
Sellers, Duncan

Potter, L. D.
Sayer,
Wailes, Ben.
Williams, Al. S.
Williams, R. C.

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1845–46.

Blain, W. J.
Brown, T. T.
Carroll, J. W.
Gregory, C. R.
Gulick, J. W.
Heckman, C. C.
Huntington, Cyprus.
Lapsley, J. W.
Miller, Jas. C.
Murphy, Thos.
Pinnie, P. M.
Reid, Alex.
Rogers, Jos.
Walker, Ed. C.

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Keller, Jen. H.	Wm M. Baker	Stewart - S. R.
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1846-47.	Brown, Fred. J	1849-'50
Bradner, T. B.	Candor, J. M.	Wall E
Conover, C. M.	Moore, A. J.	Wall T
Erskine, C.	Moore, J. P.	Cattell.
Freeland, D. N.	Parsons, W. L.	Healy.
Gibson, W. J.	Ramsay J. K.	Emerson
King, T. L.	Simpson, G. W.	Baker S. T
Osmond, J.	Stewart, Geo. D.	Colmery
Reever, T.	Orbison S.	Lepo
Wood, C.	Davis L. S.	Logan
Young, J. R.	Baker - S.	Moore J R.
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	Bishop. W.	Walsh
	Harris R. P.	Leland.
	Sams. S. S.	Banting
	Mitchell S.	Wintad
	Rinker H.	~~Baker J. J~~
	Rittenhouse J. M.	

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Minutes of the Committee on Public Morals, Romish Church and Infidelity.

Oratory, Feb 3rd 1847.

Committee met and was opened with prayer by Bro. Craven. The Chairman being absent, Bro. Murphy acted as Chairman-pro-tem. Roll called - absent - Bros. Blain, Brown, Conover, Freeland, King, Miller, Mitchell, Reeves, Reid, Weller, Bradner, Gibson and Wood. Minutes of the previous meeting read and on motion adopted. Bro. Craven was excused for absence at the last meeting. Bro. Craven not having prepared his report, Bro. Lane moved that the Committee meet at 1 o'clock on Thursday, the 4th, to hear the Report and transact other business; motion carried. The following question then came up for discussion - viz. Ought a man who disbelieves in a future state of rewards and punishments be permitted to hold any office or perform any civil act requiring an oath? Bro. Bradner on the Affg. was absent, and Bro. Murphy on the Neg. was excused. On motion,

The question was dropped. Bro. Heckman gave in his resignation as one of the Annual Reporters for March, which on motion was accepted. On motion the election of another Reporter was laid over to the special meeting on the morrow. Bro. Lane moved that the Secretary be authorized to procure a book for entering the minutes of the Committee; motion carried. Com. adjourned with prayer by Bro. Wood.

Geo. C. Heckman, Sec.

Special Meeting, Mason Library, Feb 4th 1847.

Bro. Murphy in the chair. Meeting opened with prayer by Bro. Miller. Roll called - absent - Bros. Blain, Lane, Mitchell, Weller, Young and Dickson. The monthly report was read by Bro. Craven and on motion accepted. Bro. Conover was elected Annual Reporter in place of Bro. Heckman resigned. On motion the time for the regular meeting of the Committee was changed to the second Monday preceding the regular meeting of the Soc. of Inquiry. Bro. Reeves moved that a question be selected for discussion at the next regular meeting of the Com; motion carried. The following question was selected;

Ought Romish domestics in Protestant Families to be required to attend family worship? Aff. Young - Neg - Bradner. Com. adjourned with prayer by Bro. Reeves.

Geo. C. Heckman, Sec.

Mason Library, Feb 22d 1847.

Committee met, Bro. Reid in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Bro. Bradner. Roll called - absent, Bros. Blain, Craven, Gibson, Webber, Mitchell, Wood. Minutes of the last regular, and special meeting were read and on motion adopted. The following gentlemen were excused for absence at the previous meeting - Bros. Conover, Freeland, King, Reeves and Reid. Bro. Murphy, read the Annual Report on Infidelity which on motion was accepted. The regular question was then discussed by Bro. Young in the Aff. and by Bro. Bradner in the Neg. The following question was then chosen for discussion at the next meeting - Can a professor of religion consistently hold stock in any public conveyance employed on the Sabbath? Aff. Bro. Wood. - Neg - Bro. Osmond. Bro. Freeland was

appointed Monthly Reporter. Com. adjourned with prayer by Bro. Young.

Geo. C. Heckman, Sec.

Special Meeting, Mason Library, March 4th 1847.

Committee met, Bro. Reid in the chair, and opened with prayer by Bro. Blain. Roll called - absent - Bros. Freeland, Lane, Mitchell, Weller, Bradner, Gibson and Wood. Bro. Conover read the Annual Report on the Roman Church, which on motion was received. Bro. Craven was excused for not presenting the Annual Report on Public Morals. Meeting closed with prayer by Bro. Osmond.

Geo. C. Heckman, Sec.

Mason Library, March 22d 1847.

Committee convened, Bro. Lane in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Bro. Blain. Roll called - absent Bros. Brown, Conover, King, Miller, Mitchell, Murphy, Welles, Young, Gibson, Wood. Minutes of the last meeting & special meeting read, and on motion

accepted. Bros. Blain, Craven, Freeland, Lane and Bradner were excused for absence at the previous meeting. Mr Erskine was proposed and elected a member of the committee. Bro. Freeland was excused for not presenting the monthly report. The regular question was then discussed by Bro. Craven in the Affir. and by Bro. Osmond in the neg. On motion Mr Sterling was invited to take part in the discussion. Several items of information were communicated by the members of the committee. The following question was then chosen for discussion at the next meeting viz- Is the Spirit of Romanism the same now as it was in the dark ages? Aff. Blain - Neg. Brown Bro. King was chosen reporter for the next meeting. Bro. Reeves was elected Annual ~~Essayist~~ Reporter for September. On motion a tax of three cents was laid upon each member for the purpose of purchasing a minute book. Bro. Wood offered his resignation which was accepted. Meeting closed with prayer by Bro. Osmond.

Geo. C. Heckman, Sec.

Special Meeting, Mason Library
May 6th 1847

Committee met, bro Mitchell in the Chair, & was opened with prayer by bro. Blair. The roll was called; Absent Bro's Brown, Conover, Freeland, Heckman, Lane, Murphy, Wells, Young & Erskine. Bro King read the monthly report which was accepted. No other business being before the committee, it was adjourned with prayer.

Henry Reeves. Sec.

Special Meeting, Mason Library,
11 o-clock, Sept 2d 1847

The Committee met, Bro Heckman in the Chair, & was opened with prayer by the Chairman. Roll was called. Absent, bro's Craven, Erskine, King, Lane, Murphy, Young, Bradner.

The annual essay was then read by Mr Reeves, & accepted.

Adj. with prayer by Bro. Conover.

H. Reeves Sec

Oratory, Monday Eve'g Sept 27th 69

The Committee met, and appointed as Chairman for the Evening Bro Reid, the Chairman being absent. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro Conover. Absent at the calling of the roll, Messrs Blair, Bradner, Craven, Erskine, Young.* Mr King was excused for absence from last special meeting. The following persons were proposed & Elected Members of Committee:

W. L. Parsons	—	N. J.
Wm M. Baker	—	Miss
J. R. Ramsay	—	Pa.
N. C. Burt	—	N. J.
G. D. Stewart	—	Pa.
A. G. Moore	—	Mich.

Mr Miller failed to present the monthly report. His excuse for failing to report was offered & accepted.

The Question for debate was then read: "Is the Spirit of Romanism the

* Minutes of the last regular & Special Meetings were read & accepted

same now as it was in the Dark Ages?"
The debate was opened by the following disputants:

Aff. King. —— Neg. Conover.

An opportunity for communicating intelligence was then offered, and several interesting facts were stated relating to the subjects of inquiry assigned to the committee.

The following question was selected for discussion at the next regular meeting:

"Is the Theatre necessarily injurious to good morals?"

Aff. Craven, Neg. Erskine.

On motion the time for the regualar meeting of the Committee was changed to the second Tuesday preceding the regular meeting of the Soc. of Inq.

Messrs Conover, Reeves & Stewart were elected as committe on questions for the current year. Adj with prayer by Bro. Osmond.

Henry Reeves
Sec.

Mason Library, Oct 7th 49

(Special Meeting)

The Committee met to hear the reading of the Monthly report. Opened with prayer by Bro. Craven.

Absent Brepn Bradner, Erskine, King, Young.

Bro Reid read the 10 minutes report, - subject, "Roman Catholic Missions;" which was accepted.

The following new members were proposed & elected:

Brepn Candor
J. P. Moore
Simpson.

Adj' with prayer by Bro Blain.

Henry Reves, Sec.

Mason Library, Oct. 26th 1847

The Committee met, the President in the Chair, & was opened with prayer by Bro Baker. Minutes of last regular & special meeting were read & accepted.

Absent, Messrs Craven, King, Miller A. Moore, J. Moore, Ramsey, Reid, Simpson & Young.

Bro Blair's excuse for absence from the last regular meeting was received.

Mr Barr was elected a member of the Committee.

Monthly Reporter for the next regular meeting of Com. Bro Parsons.

The Question for debate was read "Is the Theatre necessarily injurious to good morals?" The debate was opened on the Aff by Bro Osmond Neg. Mr. Stewart

Question for discussion at the next meeting, "Should the abolition of Capital Punishment receive the support of the Church?"

Aff King Neg Miller.

The Committee proceeded to the election of three members to prepare the annual report to be read before the Soc. of Engr. in March. Messrs Baker, Burt, & Conover were chosen on the first ballot.

On motion the reading of the Constitution was dispensed with.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Conover.

H. Reeves, Sec

Members of Committee Oct. 1847

Wm M. Baker,	Miss.	J. P. Moore,	Penn.
Andrew Barr	Ohio	J. Osmond.	"
N. C. Burt	N. Jersey	W. L. Parsons	N. J.
J. M. Candor	Ill.	J. R. Ramsay.	Penn.
O. M. Conover	Ohio	Henry Reeves.	N. J.
Elijah R Craven.	D. C.	Alexander Reid.	N. J.
Fred. L. R. King.	N. J.	Geo. W. Simpson,	Penn
Geo. C. Heckman	Penn	Geo. D. Stewart	"
J. E. Miller	N. J.	J. R. Young	N J
A. G. Moore	Mich	W. J. Blain	N. J.

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Special Meeting.

Mason Library, Nov 4th 1847

The committee met on Thursday, Nov 4th to hear the monthly report. Opened with prayer by Bro Simpson. Absent from Roll-Call Messrs Baker, Barr, Blair, Burt, Craven, King, Miller, A. Moore J. Moore, Reid, Young.

The 10 minute report on Public Morals, Romish Church & Infidelity was then read by Bro. Osmond, & on motion accepted by the committee.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro Conover.

A. Reed, Secy

Mason Library, Nov 23d 1847

The committee met & was opened with prayer by bro Miller.

Absent, Messrs Baker, Conover, & Craven.

Brother Young having been absent from three successive meetings, his name was

stricken from the roll, in accordance with Sect 3, Art 4th of the Constitution.

The minutes of the last regular & special meetings were read & accepted. The following members were excused from absence, Miller, A Moore, J. Moore, Ramsay, Reid, Simpson, Rust, Barr, Blair.

Mr Frederic T. Brown of Indiana was proposed & elected a member of Com.

The Monthly reporter failed to present his report, & his excuse for failing to report at this meeting of the Com was received.

The Question was ~~the~~ read & discussed: "Should the Abolition of Capital Punishment receive the support of the Church?"

Off King Neg Miller

Question for discussion at the next regular meeting, "Is War contrary to Christianity?"

Aff. A. Moore Neg. J. Moore

Reporter for next month Bro ~~Pickard~~ Ramsay.

The Secretary resigned his office. His resignation was accepted, & the Committee proceeded to the election of a successor, & bro. G. Stewart was chosen on the first ballot.

The following resolution was offered & carried:

Resolved: that a committee of three be appointed to correspond with the Rev Nathan L Rice of Cincinnatti, for the purpose of soliciting information on the Roman Catholic Controversy, - the best method of conducting it, - the best authors to be studied, - & the true position of Romanism in this country.

Messrs Osmond, Reid, & Rust were appointed as committee, in accordance with the above reso-

Motion -

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Simpson -

Geo C Hackman
Ch'n

A. Reeves Sec. 3

Special Meeting -

Mason Library Dec - 2nd 184[illegible]

The Committee met at 11 o'clock this morning, to hear the monthly report. The Chairman being absent, Brother Blain was elected Chairman pro. tem - The meeting was then opened with prayer by Bro. Parsons -

Absent. Messrs - Barr, Brown, Burt, Conover, Craven, King, Miller, A. Moore, J. Moore, Reid & Simpson.

The 10 Minutes report on the subjects belonging to this Committee, was read by Bro. Parsons & on motion adopted by the Committee -

Mr. D. Baker was proposed & elected to membership.

The Society then adjourned with prayer by Mr. Reeves.

Geo C Hackman Chm - Geo Stewart. Sec -

Mason Library Jan. 25. 1848

The Committee assembled at the usual hour & was called to order by the Chairman. Bro. Ramsey opened the exercises with prayer. The roll was then called - absent Messrs. D. Baker, Blain, Brown, Miller, ~~Osmond~~, Parsons, & Reid. The Minutes of the last regular & special meeting were read & accepted.

Bro. Burt moved that we adjourn for an hour to hear Prof. Saunderson's Lecture. Mr. Conover moved to amend by substituting "take a recess" for "adjourn which amendment was received by the mover. The motion as amended was then put & carried.

At 8 o'clock the committee again met & proceeded to transact the ordinary business. Bro's Conover, Burt, A. Moore, & J. Moore were excused for absence. Mr. J. Kirby Davis was proposed for membership & elected.

Mr. Ramsey the monthly Reporter presented his excuse for failing to report at this meeting & on motion of Mr. Conover, the hearing of the Report, was deferred to some time previous to

the next regular meeting of the Soc. of Inquiry -

The Question for this evening was read, & discussed by the regular disputants - A. Moore. Aff - J. Moore - Neg -

Mr. Burt on behalf of the Committee appointed for the purpose at the last regular meeting of this Committee, stated that the Rev. Dr. N. L. Rice had been written to, but that no answer had as yet been received -

The following Question was chosen for discussion at the next meeting - "Can the theories of Socialism be reduced to practice with benefit to Society?"

Disputants - Osmond - Aff - Parsons - Neg -

Bro. Reeves was appointed Reporter for the next meeting - Mr. Conover offered his resignation as a member of the Committee to prepare the Report of this Committee for the March meeting of the Soc. Inquiry - On motion his resignation was accepted -

An election was then held to fill the vacancy which resulted in the choice of Bro. Reid -

On motion of Mr. Conover, the Chairman was requested to propose to the Board of Managers of the Society of Inquiry, the procural of the periodical

called "The Spirit of the 19th Century" for the reading room -

The Society then adjourned with prayer by Bro. Candor -

Geo. Heckman
Chmn -

Geo D Stewart
Secretary -

Special Meeting -

Mason Library Feb. 3. 1848.

The Committee met at 11 o'clock this morning. Bro. Heckman in the Chair - Bro. Brown opened the meeting with prayer - The business for which this meeting was called, the hearing of the monthly report, was announced - Bro. Ramsey read the report - & on motion it was adopted - The roll was called. Absent - H. Baker, W. Baker, Barr, Blain, Miller, J. Moore, Parsons, Reeves & Reid -

Bro Ramsey offered the usual closing prayer - The Committee then adjourned -

Geo D Stewart
Secretary.

Members of Committee Feb. 1875.

Baker - D.
Baker - W.
Barr - C. /
Blair M. L.
Brown F. S.
Burt - N. C. /
Candor - J. M.
Conover O. M. /
Craver E. R. /
Davis J. H /
Heckman C. C.
King S. L. R. /
Miller J. C. /

Moore - A. Y. /
Moore - J. P.
Parsons W. S. /
Ramsey J. R /
Reeves H.
Reid - C
Simpson C. W. /
Stewart - C. L. /
Osmond - D.

Mason Library, Feb 22d '48

The committee met at ½ o'clock P.M. and was called to order by the chairman. Prayer by J. P. Moore.

Absent, Barr, Britt, Conover, Craven, Davis, King, Miller, A. Moore, Parsons, Ramsay, Simpson, S. D. Stewart.

The following Gentlemen were excused for absence from previous meetings: Messrs D. Baker, Blain, Brown, Reid, J. Moore, Reeves.

Mr Robison was proposed and elected a member of committee.

The reading of the annual report was called for, & that part of it relating to Public Morals was read by Mr W. Baker.

The question for discussion was then read, "Can the theories of Socialism be reduced to practice with benefit to society?"

The regular disputants being absent, the question was submitted

to the committee at once for discussion.

At the expiration of the time allotted for debate it was moved & carried

That the question be continued by the Committee as the subject of debate at the next regular meeting.

Affirmation — Negative

Ramsay H. Reeves

Reporter for next month — H. Reeves.

The election for writer of the annual essay to be read before the Soc. of Inquiry in September then came up, & resulted in the choice of Mr G. D. Stewart.

Resolved, - that Mr Brown be appointed alternate of Mr Burt in the committee to prepare the annual Report. (Carried)

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Brown.

Henry Reeves
Sec. pro tem

Special Meeting -

Mason Library March 2nd 1875 -

The Committee met at Rockbeck - at. 10 -

The Chairman being absent, on motion Mr. J. P. Moore was elected Chairman pro. tem -

The opening Prayer was then offered by Bro. Gibson -

At the calling of the Roll, Messrs. D. H. Baker, Barr, Blain, Burt, Candor, Craven, King, Millet, A. Moore, Reave, Reid, & Davis were absent -

Mr. Peckman being now present took the Chair -

The Special business of this meeting, the hearing of the Annual Reporters, being now in order, Mr. Brown presented a report on Socialism - On motion it was adopted by the Committee -

Mr. Reid, the remaining Reporter, failed to Report, being absent from the meeting -

A motion was then put & carried that Mr. Osmond, be allowed to read a letter from the Rev. Dr. Nathan L. Rice, on the best method of conducting the Romish Controversy, it being an answer to a request from this body this its Committee Brothers Osmond, Reid & Burt -

Mr. Osmond then read a very interesting & instructive letter from Dr. Rice - It was then moved & seconded to that

Mr. Reid should be authorized to read this letter before the Society of Inquiry as a substitute for the Report on the Romish Church.

The meeting then adjourned after the closing prayer by Rev. D. P. Moore.

D. S. Stewart Sec'y.

Mason Library March 28th 1848

The Committee met at 7 o'clock this evening. The Chairman being absent, Mr. Barr was chosen Chairman for the evening.

The opening prayer was offered by Bro. Ramsey.

Messrs. W. Baker, Blain, Caindor, Conover, Osmond, Reid, & Davis, were absent at Roll Call.

The Minutes of the last Regular & Special Meetings, were then read & accepted.

Messrs. Barr, Burt, Craven, King, Miller, A. Moore, Ramsey, G. D. Stewart, D. Baker, Reeves, were excused for absence.

On motion the reading of the monthly report by Mr. Reeves, was deferred to some period prior to the next

regular meeting of the Society of Inquiry.

The question for discussion "Can the Theories of Socialism be reduced to Practice with benefit to Society?" was then read, & debated by the regular disputants. Aff. Ramsey. Neg. Reeves.

After the discussion had continued for the allotted time, the Committee chose the following Question for the next meeting. "Is long continued Solitary confinement, consistent with humanity & the ends of justice?"

Aff. Reid. Neg. Stewart.

Reporter for next month Stewart.

There being no further business before the Committee, it adjourned after the closing prayer by Bro. D. Baker.

Geo D Stewart.

Secretary.

Special Meeting - Mason Library Apl 5th 18

The Committee met at 11 o'clock this morning. The Chairman being absent, Mr. Conover was appointed 'pro tempore'.

Bro. Candor opened the meeting with Prayer.

The Roll was then called - D & W. Baker, A. Moore, Ramsey, Reid, Simpson & Davis, were absent.

Mr. Orbison was then called to the Chair by Bro. Conover.

Mr. Reeves then read the Monthly Report. After the allotted time for the Report had expired, On motion Mr. Reeves proceeded to read the whole of the Report.

The Report was then adopted by the Committee.

On motion, adjourned after Prayer By Bro. Reeves.

Geo D Stewart Sec'y

Mason Library April - 25th 1848

The Committee met at the usual hour. The Chairman being absent, Bro. Osmond was called to the chair.

Bro. Barr opened the meeting with prayer.

A motion was then made & sustained by various

reasons, that the Meeting now adjourn, to meet again for the transaction of the regular business, on next Monday evening, after the Monthly Concert.

This motion was agreed to, & after Prayer by Bro. Candor, the Committee adjourned -

D. Osmond
Chm. Bro. Tem.

Geo. D. Stewart
Sec'y.

Mason Library May 1st 1848

Pursuant to the adjournment agreed to at the last regular meeting, the Committee met, immediately after the Monthly Concert.

The Chairman being absent, Bro. Candor was called to the Chair.

Bro. Miller opened the meeting with prayer. Messrs. D. Baker, Conover, A. Moore, Ramsey & Davis were absent at Roll-Call.

The minutes of the March, regular Meeting; of the Special meeting on the 7th of April & of the last regular meeting were read, & on motion were accepted.

Messrs. Candor, Osmond, Reid & Simpson were excused for absence.

The Monthly report was then read by G.D. Stewart, & was adopted by the Committee.

The discussion of the question, being now in order, it was moved & agreed to that from the lateness of hour, the discussion be postponed until the first regular meeting of next session.

The question for that meeting will therefore be, "Is long-continued Solitary Confinement consistent with humanity & the ends of Justice?"

Affr. Reid Neg. Stewart.

Mr. Simpson was appointed the next Reporter. The Annual Election for President & Secretary being now in order, the ballot resulted in the choice of Mr. A. Reed for Chairman & G.D. Stewart for Secretary.

Mr. Barr informed the Committee that he had never been legally a member of the Society of Inquiry; & desired to be released from membership, which was of course granted; as his connexion with the Committee ceased as soon as this fact was known.

The meeting then adjourned after prayer by Bro. Reed.

J. Landon
Chairman Pro. tem.

Geo. D. Stewart
Sec'y.

Special Meeting

Mason Library Sept. 7th 1848

The Committee met pursuant to notice, at 11 o'clock in the Mason Library. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Brother Landon opened the meeting with Prayer.

The Roll was called. D. Baker, Burt, Conover, Craven, A. Moore, Parsons, Ramsey, Reeves, & Simpson were absent.

The business of the meeting was announced to be the hearing of the Annual Essay, which was then read by G. D. Stewart.

Mr. Bishop was proposed for membership, & elected.

After Prayer by Bro. D. Moore the Committee

adjourned -
A. Reid
Chairman

Geo. D. Stewart
Secretary

Mason Library Oct. 24th 1848

The Committee met at half-past eight o' clock P. M. in the Masonic Library -

The opening prayer was offered by Bro. Candor

D. Baker, Bishop, & Simpson were absent at roll-call -

The minutes of the last regular & special meetings were read & accepted -

Messrs. Burt, Conover, Moore & Ramsey were excused for absence -

Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rinker, Mr. Harris Mr. L. R. Stewart, Mr. Laws & Mr. Rittenhouse were proposed for membership & on motion elected -

The Reporter Mr. G. W. Simpson was absent -

The question for discussion was then read. The place of the Chairman Mr. Reid in the affirmative, was filled by Mr Burt: G. D. Stewart in the negative -

After the debate became open to the house Mr. Parsons

& others took part in it.

The following question was then selected for discussion at the next meeting - "Is the tendency of Secret Societies, such as the "Masonic", "Odd-Fellows" & "Sons of Temperance", against religion?"

Aff. - D. Baker. Neg. - Bishop.

Bro. Baker was appointed Reporter for next month.

This being the time for the election of a Committee on questions, on motion of Bro. Burt the by-laws were suspended & the right of appointment given to the Chairman. Messrs. Burt, J. P. Moore & Orbison were then appointed.

After prayer by Bro. Reese the meeting adjourned.

Alexander Reid
Chairman.

Wm. D. Steward
Secretary.

Mason Library Nov 28th 1848

The Committee assembled at ½ past 8 o'clock.

Bro. Burt opened the exercises with Prayer.

Messrs. Baker, Bishop, Conover, A. & J. Moore, Harris, Ramsay, Rinker, Rittenhouse, & Whitehall were absent at Roll-Call.

The Minutes were read & accepted.

The Reporter, Mr. Baker was absent.

The Ques. for Discussion &c "Is the tendency of secret Societies such as the Masonic, "Odd Fellows" & "Sons of Temperance" against Religion?" was read.

The appointed disputants being absent, the debate was carried on by Messrs. Burt, Parsons, Candor, Reeves, & others, until the time allotted to the discussion had expired.

The Ques. "Are such exhibitions as that of the Great Slave mineral in their tendency?" was adopted for discussion at the next regular meeting.

Affs. Burt. Neg. Candor.

Mr. Bishop was appointed next Reporter.

The Secretary, G. D. Stewart tendered his resignation, which was accepted.

On motion the Committee proceeded to the election viva voce, when Mr. Dan. Osborn was chosen.

The meeting was then closed with Prayer by Bro. Laws.

Alex^r Reid
Chairman

Geo D Stewart
Secretary

List of Members for Nov. 1848

Baker. D.
Bishop. W.
Burt. N. C.
Candor. J. M.
Conover. C. M.
Harris R. P.
Laws. S. S.
Mitchell. S.
Moore A. Y.
Moore D. P.
Orbison J. H.
Parsons W. S.
Ramsey J. R.
Reeves. W.
Reid. A.
Rinker H.
Rittenhouse D. M.
Simpson G. W.
Stewart G. D.
Stewart S. R.

Mason Library Dec. 5th. 1848.

Special Meeting.-

The Committee met at the usual time to hear the Monthly Report. - Opened with prayer by Bro. Ramsey. -

Absent.- Bishop, Burt, Farris, Mitchell, A.J. Moore Parsons, Reeves, Rinker, Rittenhouse, Simpson, Stewart G. - Stewart, S. -

The 10 minutes Report was then presented by Bro. Baker and was on motion adopted as the Report of the Committee. -

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Laws. —

A. Reid - Chairman Jas. H. Gibson - Sec. —

Regular & Special Meeting (in unis) -

Mason Library Jan. 4th. 1849. -

The Committee met at 11 O'Clock, A.M. - The exercises were opened with prayer by Bro. Laws - The Roll was then called & the following members were absent viz. Baker, Burt, Candor, Farris, A. J. Moore, J. P. Moore, Parsons, Ramsey, Reeves, Rittenhouse, Simpson, Stewart G. S. & J. R. Stewart. - Committee having failed to meet in regular Session, On motion, the present

session was resolved into a Regular & Special Meeting -
And then the minutes of the last Regular & Special
Meetings were read & adopted. - And Messrs Bishop,
Coover & Kinker excused for previous absence. -
Mr. Bishop presented a Monthly Report
which was adopted by Committee. -
On motion the discussion was depend until the next
Meeting - the question & debators remaining the
same, - Question - "Are all such exhibitions as that
of the Greek Slave, immoral in their tendency?" -
Aff. - Burt - - - - Neg. - Candor. -
Mr. Bishop was appointed the next Reporter. -
After prayer by Bro. Bishop the meeting adjourned. -

Alexander Reid
Chairman. -

Jas. H. Wilson
Secretary. -

Mason Library

Monday evening Jan. 22nd. 1844

The Committee met at 8 O'clock P. M. - After prayer by Bro. Candor, the Roll was Called, and the following gentlemen were absent, Messrs. Burt, Farris, A. G. Moore, J. P. Moore Ramsey, Simpson, Stewart, S. R. -

The Minutes were read & accepted. - Bros. Baker, Candor, Parsons, Reeves & Stewart G. were excused for previous absence. - The reading of the monthly Report was deferred until the first Thursday in February. - Reporter, - Bro. Bishop. -

The question for debate was then read, and discussed freely, fully & with animation by the Members of the Committee. -

The question Chosen for discussion at the next meeting is the following viz. "Should an Avowed Infidel be permitted to hold any responsible office under our Government?" -

Aff. Bro. Conover. Neg. Bro. Laws. -

Bro. Burt was appointed the next Reporter. -

Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro. Bishop.

A. Reid. - Chairman. — — — J. H. Orbison, Sec.

Mason Library

Thursday Feb. 1st. 1849

The Committee met at 11 O'Clock this morning. The exercises were Commenced with prayer by Bro. Baker.-

Absentees.- Bros. Bust, A. Y. Moore, J. P. Moore Parsons, Ramsey, Reeves, Rittenhouse, Simpson & Stewart S. R.-

The Monthly Report was presented by Bro. Bishop, and adopted by Committee.- The meeting adjourned with prayer by Bro. Candor.-

A. Reid = Chairman = D. W. Obrien, Secretary.-

Mason Library

Feb. 20th. 1849.-

The Committee met at the usual time and place.- The exercises were Commenced with prayer by Bro. Rinker.- The Roll was then called there were Absent, Messrs. Bishop Bust, Conover, Farris, A. Y. Moore, Ramsey, Reeves Stewart G. & Rittenhouse.- The following

gentlemen, Messrs. Farris. A. G. Moore & Simpson having been absent three successive meetings were stricken from the Roll in accordance with Sec. 3. Article 4th. of the Constitution.-

The Minutes of the last Regular & Special meetings were then read & adopted.-

Messrs. Parsons & Stewart S. R. were excused for past absence.-

The Reporter being absent, there was no Report presented.

The Question for debate was then read & discussed, the Affirmative being supported by Bro. Rinker in place of Mr. Conover who was absent.-

The following Question was selected for debate at the next Regular Meeting, viz.- "Should Charity Publication Societies be Suppressed."?-

Aff. Orbison.- Neg. Parsons.-

Bro. Candor was appointed the next monthly Reporter.- The Committee having failed to elect persons to prepare an Annual Report, on Motion, it was Resolved to request Bro. Bunt, to present this Monthly Report in Stead of the Annual Report, before Society & Inquiry.-

The Theological Society wishing to hold

their Meetings in the Mason Library Room and on Tuesday Evening, Thompson Moved that the Committee grant them the right to occupy the Room, and that hereafter until further Changes, the Committee meet in the Oratory when such Meetings occur on Tuesday Evenings.—

On Motion adjourned with Prayer by Bro. Rittenhouse.——

Chairman
A. Reid

Secretary
J. W. Orbison

Mason Library March 1st. 1849

Special Meeting.

Committee met at 11 Clock, Meeting opened with Prayer by Bro. Stewart G.

Absent at Roll Call. Messrs. Bishop, Parsons & Rittenhouse,-

Bro. Burt then read his monthly Report, which was on Motion adopted as the Annual Report of the Committee.-

On Motion the Chairman was authorized to

Connect the proceedings of the Board of Managers in reference to debarring Bro. A. G. Moore from the privileges of the Soc. of Inquiry in Consequence of his being Stricken from the Roll of this Committee, Bro. Moore having made such explanations & excuse, as were deemed sufficient by Committee to restore him to all the rights, titles & immunities of the Committee & of the Society of Inquiry. —

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Ramsey. —

A. Reid — 1849 — Jas. H. Orbison

Chairman — Secretary. —

Regular Meeting.

Oratory March 26th. 1849.

Committee met at the usual time. Meeting opened with prayer by Bro. Rittenhouse.

Absent at Roll-Call, Bros. Baker, Conover, Laws A. G. Moore, Parsons, Ramsey, Stewart J. & Stewart S. Excused for Absence, Bishop (one meeting), Brust, Pinkerton & Rittenhouse. —

The monthly Report was then read by Bro. Candor

and accepted as the Report of Committee.—
The question for debate was discussed.
Bro. Conover was appointed the next Reporter. H
The Question Chosen for debate at the next
regular meeting is,
K Has a permanent support of the poor an immoral
tendency?—
Aff. Ramsey. ——— Neg. Reed.—
Bro. Vannuys was proposed & elected a
Member of the Committee.—
Closed with prayer by Bro. Bishop.—
A. Reid, ——— Jas. H. Orbison
Chairman. Clerk.—

Regular Meeting

April 24th. 1849.

Committee met in the Balcony at the usual time, Opened with prayer by Bro. Bishop

Absentees.— Bros. Burt, Candor, Ramsey, Reed Reid, Rinker, Rittenhouse, Stewart, S. —

Excused for prior absence.— Baker, & Land,

Not excused, Parsons, A. G. Moore & Conover.

Reporter failed to present his Report, and a motion he was considered excused.—

The Regular debators being absent, there was no debate.— On motion the same question was chosen for next meeting. viz.

"Has a permanent support of the Good an immoral tendency?"

Aff.— Rinker —— Neg.— Rittenhouse

An Election was entered into for Officers And the following elected.—

For Chairman, Bro. Bishop. —

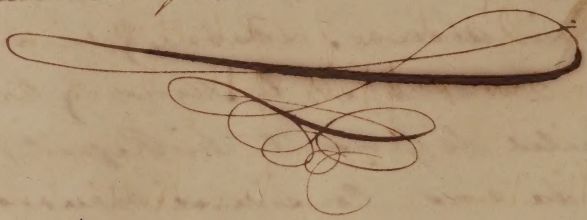
" Secretary, Bro. Baker. —

An Election was then held for Annual Essayist and resulted in favour of L. H. Bevier —

Bro. Laws was appointed Monthly Reporter for next meeting of Committee - Closed with prayer by Bro. A. G. Moore.

Parsons
Chairman pro-tem.

Orbison
Clerk



Regular Meeting.

Mason Library Sept 25th 1849.

Committee met on the usual evening but some two hours after the usual time on account of the rhetorical exercises of the first class - there not being a quorum from the other classes. Opened with prayer by brother Orbison. Absentees F. L. King, Laws, Mitchell, Parsons, Rinker, Rittenhouse and Trumps. The minutes of the last meeting were then read and accepted. Brothers Bust & Conder were excused for previous absence. The following gentlemen were then proposed & elected as members of the Committee: viz. Messrs D. F. Baker, Calvary,

Lefs. Logan, J. R. Moore, E. Wall, T. Wall, Overstreet, Armstrong and Walsh. The reporter being absent no report was presented. The discussion of the question chosen at last meeting was then in order but was postponed till the next regular meeting on account of the lateness of the hour. The Question for debate was as follows: Has a permanent support of the poor an immoral tendency?"

Aff. Rinker Neg. Rittenhouse.

Reporter for next regular meeting Bro. Whitehill. Messrs Condor, Overstreet and Baker (L) were elected a committee for the term, on Questions, and Bros E. Wall, Moore & Laws a committee to prepare the "annual Report" to be read in March next.

Miscellaneous business being declared in order after many eloquent, patriotic, parliamentary and Congressional observations by various members, the following brethren were appointed a committee to revise the Constitution of this Committee and the secretary was ordered to present it as revised for the consideration of the Committee at next meeting. Closed with prayer by Bro Overstreet.

David L. Baker Sec.

Wm Bishop Chairman.

Regular Meeting

Mason Library Oct 26. 1849.

Committee met and was opened with prayer by brother Lefs. Absent Messrs D. Baker, Burk, Colmery, Laws, Parsons, Rinker, Rittenhouse, Moore, Armstrong & Walsh. Mr Cannup was excused for absence at last meeting. On motion Mr Clark was then admitted a member of the Committee. No report from the regular reporter. On account of the fewness of the members present and the absence of the regular disputants, the discussion of the Question was omitted. On motion of brother E. Wall the following question was then selected for discussion next night; viz: "Does the Cultivation of the taste necessarily imply that of our moral nature?"

Aff. Moore Neg E. Wall

Brother Lefs appointed next reporter.

Under the head of "Miscellaneous business" on motion of brother Logan the time

of the regular meeting of the Committee was changed from the second Thursday before the first Thursday of the month, to the second Wednesday before the first day, in consequence of the change of the time of meeting of the Socit of Inquiry itself.
Meeting adjourned with prayer by Bro. T. Hall

William Bishop
Chairman.

L. L. Baker
Secretary.

Special Meeting.

Mason Library Nov. 29. 1849.
Committee met according to notice and was opened with prayer.
Brother Laws being called upon read the report which on motion was accepted: when the Committee adjourned with Prayer.

Wm Bishop
Chairman

L. L. Baker
Secretary.

Regular Meeting

Mason Library Nov 21/49.

Committee met at the usual hour; was called to order by the Chairman & opened with prayer by Brother Orbison. The Roll was called and Brothers Armstrong, Burt, Logan, Rittenhouse, E. Wall & Vannuys were absent. The Minutes of the last regular & special meetings were then read and accepted; the following members were excused for previous absences; viz: Messrs Colmery Laws and Moore.

Mr Battell was nominated for membership of this Committee by Brother Orbison and the nomination was seconded and carried. Mr Bunting also was nominated by Brother Moore and elected a member by the Committee.

The Reporter reported progress in the collection of facts, but was not quite ready with the report complete.

The discussion of the Question being now in order it was desired by various members that for various reasons it should, together with the report be postponed about a week. To attain

this object it was moved & brother Laws, & seconded & brother T. Wall, that when we adjourn we adjourn for exactly one week; & this motion was Carried.

Under head of Miscellaneous business it was moved & some brother and seconded & another and approved & all that the resignation of brother Parsons conveyed through the Chairman be accepted.

Question for the next meeting is "Does the cultivation of the Taste necessarily imply the cultivation of our Moral Nature?"

Aff I. R. Moore Neg E. Wall.

Wm Bishop — Chairman

L. S. Baker — Secretary

Committee on Romish Church

Public Morals

and

Infidelity

Regular Meeting.

Mason Library Nov 26. 1849.

Committee met & was called to order by the Chairman & opened with prayer by Bro Colmery. Minutes read & accepted. No Report. Mr Winters proposed & elected a member of Com. Question then discussed with considerable animation. Question chosen for debate next night

"Is the Pope the Man of Sin?"

Aff. T. Wall Negative Dawney.

Under head of miscellaneous business the last Friday in each month chosen as time of regular meeting of Com. (in place of Second Monday before 1st Day.) Was proposed & brother Laws.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro Moore.

Special meeting was called Nov 30th to hear report by Bro Lefs. which being heard & accepted Com. adj in the usual manner.

D. S. Baker
Secretary.

Wm Bishop.
Chairman

Regular Meeting
Mason Library Jan. 11 1859.

Committee met and was opened with prayer by Brother Vannuys.

The following gentlemen absent at Roll Call; viz. Messrs Armstrong, Bush, Cattell, Clark, Lefs, Orbison, Rittenhouse, Moore, T. Wall, Calvin and Winters.

The Minutes of the last meeting were then read and accepted; after which the following gentlemen were excused for absence; — Messrs J. F. Baker and Vannuys.

Messrs Heaton and C. Emerson were proposed and elected members of this Committee.

The Report being called for had not been prepared and the Reporter offering satisfactory reasons for the failure was excused. 7th Com.

The discussion of the Question was then in order but was, on motion of Bro. Laws, postponed until the next meeting. The Question is as follows: "Is the Pope the "Man of Sin"?"

Aff. T. Wall Negative Vannuys.

The next thing in order being the appoint-

ment of a Reporter, sundry interesting remarks were made by sundry members, as to the probable duration of brother Orbisons absence from the Seminary; the too frequent disposition of members to omit altogether, or put off till a late hour this duty; and many other things of an interesting nature, which, though received with much inward satisfaction by the brethren, and even with no little outward and Cachinnatory applause, and though the secretary feels himself full competent to set them all in their proper light — having once been permitted to hear several long & profitable conversations on the subject of the best mode of preparing minutes with an excellent old and odd fellow who used to compare secretary's work to that of lapidaries and military Chieftains: for, he would say to me, as the Lapidary polishes and sets in gold the jewels of others, so the Secretary cuts & furnishes the thoughts of the members and then imbeds them in the pure gold of his own imagination; and, as in debates on diverse sub-

jects, thoughts differing in quality and lustre are elicited giving occasion to constant change of the figure and light of the debate as aimed objective by: so when I, ~~compelled~~ he say, glance my eye over minutes long written I enjoy a pleasure very analogous to one looking over his or her jewells rings, braclets, &c; then going on to illustrate his idea more clearly, feeling out, and exhibiting to me, the analogy to the very twigs, the coronated efforay, showing which, among discussions metaphysical imaginative or fanciful, he considered rings, braclets, necklaces, chains of gold & pearls reaching his greatest animation in a description of the Coronet of all discussions. Now would he turn to his other pet analogy and illuminate debate with the light of polished weapons & gorgeous uniforms finding analogies for intellectual contests in every division, brigade, battalion, regiment, company & corporals' guard, & in every arm of the service - Artillery, Infantry, Horse, Pioners Engineers, sappers and miners; and in every weapon from Cannon to gunpick — yet it may be best to omit on this occasion. There being no elections

to take place and no miscellaneous business to transact. On motion Committee adjourned with prayer by brother J. F. Baker.

D. S. Baker
Secretary

William Bishop
Chairman.

Regular Meeting

Oratory January 24: 1880.

Committee met, was called to order by the Chairman and opened with prayer by brother Bunting.

Roll was called and the following gentlemen were absent: Armstrong, J. F. Baker, Bishop, Burt, Clark, Colvin, Heaton, Laws, Logan, Orbison, Rittenhouse, Moore, E. Wall, T. Wall, Winton & Jennings.

Minutes of the last meeting were then read and accepted.

Excuses being called for Messrs Lefs and Cattell were excused for absence

from last meetings.

The Report being called for was read by Mr Overstreet in place of Mr Orbison & accepted as report of the Committee.

The Question being next in order was read and discussed with great ability and vivacity by Messrs Overstreet, Gatlett, Emerson, and D. Baker in the absence of the regular debaters.

Question for debate next meeting was then chosen and is as follows.

"Does the Connection of Prophane Literature with Theology have a necessary tendency to Neology?"

Affs. D. S. Baker Neg. J. F. Baker

There being no further business the Committee (may its shadow never be less!) adjourned with prayer.

Reporter Absent.

Daniel S. Baker
Secretary

Wm Bishop
Chairman

Regular Meeting.

Oratory February 27: 1850.

Committee met the Chairman well seated in a comfortable chair near the glowing stove, and was called to order & opened in the usual manner; At Roll Call the following gentlemen were absent: viz:- Messrs J. Baker, Bunt, Battell, Blank, Emerson, Heaton, Laws, Orbison, Overstreet, & Moore,— The minutes were then read (of the last meeting) & accepted.

The following gentlemen were excused for previous absences, Messrs Bishop (ex off. being hon. Chairman), Kelsey, Logan (for some reason unintelligible to the writer) E. Wall T. Wall, Winters and Vannays,—

No Report.

The question for debate being then read, & the regular disputants failing to appear it was discussed at some length by Com. at large,

Question then chosen for next meeting: viz:- "Is the Romish Church destined to gain the ascendency in this Country?"

Aff. Buntney. Neg. Bunt,

Ten minutes Reporter for next meeting Moore, J. R.
After which Committee adjourned with Prayer.

W. S. Baker
Secretary.

Wm Bishop
Chairman.

Regular Meeting.

Oratoire March 26. 1870.

Committee met at the usual time and was opened with prayer by brother Logan

From Roll call the following gentlemen absent: D. Baker, Bunting, Bust, Cattell, Clark, Emerson, Heaton, Laws, Overstreet, E. Wall, T. Wall, Winters Vannuys. The Minutes then read & accepted

The following excused for previous absences: Viz.- Messrs. Bust, Orbison, and Moore.

No Report.!!

The Question for debate being then read, and the regular disputants being absent, brother Lipe volunteered on the aff. & brother Orbison on the Neg. after which members at large spoke with great

annimation and success. Brother Logan made a speech on the aff. which was demolished by brother D. Baker, who spoke learnedly on the Neg. upon which brother Logan retired the floor.

Question for Next Meeting

"Would the people suffer from the loss of the Pope of this temporal power?"

Aff. Cattell. Neg. Clark

Next Reporter Brother Edward Wall,

There being no further business committee adjourned with prayer by Bro Colmery.

David S. Baker
Secretary

Wm Bishop
Chairman

Regular Meeting
Oratory April 27: 1850.

Committee met at the usual time & place & was opened with prayer by Bro. L. S. Baker.

Absent at Roll Call Messrs. J. F. Baker, Burt, Cattell, Colmery, Emerson, Heaton, Laws, Orbison, Overstreet, Moore & Winters.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and accepted.

The following gentlemen were then on motion excused for previous absence; viz:— Messrs Bunting, Clark, E. Wall & T. Wall. Cattell

The Reporter failed to present his report.

The Question for discussion being then read and the one regular disputant being absent, & the other failing to speak the Question was postponed to the first meeting of next session which will be, Friday evening, in the Oratory.

The Question is "Would the patient suffer from the loss & the Pain of his temporal person?"

Aff. Cattell Negative Clark

Reporter

Elections being then in order

Mr Edward Wall was chosen Chairman;
" Cattell " " Secretary;
" Thos. G. Wall " " Ass't. Essayist.

On motion of our brother the thanks of the Committee were voted our Venerable Chairman;

And, on motion of another brother, ditto ditto were voted the excellent Secretary.

Brother E. Wall moved that the Com. present its hearty thanks to itself for good behavior but the motion was withdrawn before being put.

There being no further business the Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro. E. Wall.

David S. Baker
Secretary.

William Bishop
Chairman

Sic Transit

Oratory Friday evening
Aug. 30. 1850

Com. met & as there was no quorum, availed itself of the only proper legislative action & adjourned to Tuesday evening.

Mason Library
Sept. 3. 1850.

Com. met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Laws. The following gentlemen were then proposed & elected members of the Com.

Messrs Platt
Blauvelt
Vandenmeyer

As there were so few members present the meeting adjourned to Thursday 12 a. m. Closed with prayer by Mr. Baker.

Abstract Sec. pro. tem.

Thursday 12. a. M. Sept.

Com. met in Bro. Overstreets room & was opened with prayer by Bro. Cattell — Absent

Bunting	Clark	Emerson
Laws	Epps	Moore
T. Wall	Rannys	Platt.

The discussion of the Question was omitted & another one selected for our next meeting viz. "Is the Spirit of Romanism hostile to our Republican institutions" —

aff. Baker Neg. Bunting

The following gentlemen were appointed a Com. to report questions for the Session

Overstreet Baker & Blauvelt.

Reporter — E. Wall.

E. Wall Chairman — Cattell Sec.

Friday evening. Sept.

Com. met in the evening & was opened with prayer by

Absent.

Bunting. Blank ~~Emerson~~. Moore.

* Q. was discussed at considerable length by the disputants & other members of the Com.

The following Q was chosen for the next meeting; Did moral reforms without a religious basis be encouraged?

aff. Bunting. Neg. Cattell.

It was resolved with much enthusiasm that a Com. be appointed to revise the Const. &c of the Society & that a new record book be purchased &c Chair appointed Bros Pierce Platt & Cattell said Com.

Reporter. I. Wall.

* E. Wall made a report which was unanimously adopted & ordered to be presented to the Soc. of Inq. at its next meeting.

I. Wall Chairman — Cattell Sec.